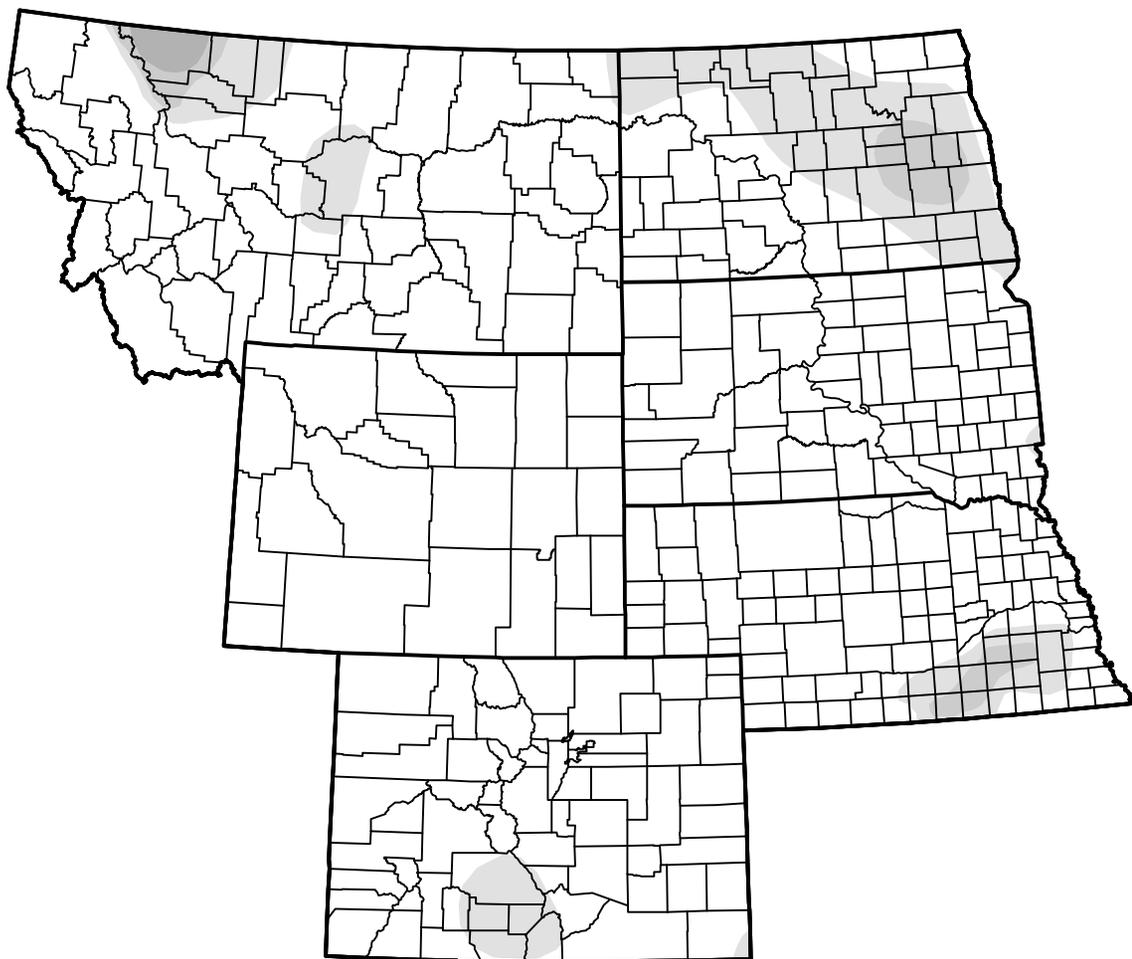


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	88.57	11.43	2.18	0.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-11-2009</i>	77.65	22.35	2.82	0.38	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-19-2009</i>	83.74	16.26	2.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.97	44.03	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	56.54	43.46	12.03	3.99	1.72	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-19-2008</i>	39.35	60.65	16.21	8.53	2.71	0.00

***Intensity:***



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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